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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 882
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the University of Tennessee at Martin Rodeo Team on their sixth consecutive Ozark Region championship and a berth in the College National Finals Rodeo.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those special sports teams whose exceptional skills contribute to their success in challenging competition; and

WHEREAS, despite strong competition, the renowned University of Tennessee at Martin rodeo team has laid claim to it's sixth straight Ozark Region championship title, including a berth in the College National Finals Rodeo this June by dominating the annual spring rodeo on April 13-15, 2000, in the Ned McWherter Agricultural Complex on the UTM campus; and

WHEREAS, UTM's men's team locked up the regional crown before hosting its annual rodeo, but used the final Ozark Region rodeo of the year to wrap up four of six individual men's championships; and

WHEREAS, each team member has exemplified the utmost in skill and talent this year, serving as an inspiration to their many fans, the community, and everyone who appreciates

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excellence in athletic contests; the UT Martin rodeo team has also been blessed with an abundance of individual talent; and

WHEREAS, the UTM's women's team's performance was led by Jamie McPeake, who won the rodeo's All-Around title, and by A.J. Price who hung onto her point advantage in the barrel racing standings and claimed her first berth in the College National Finals Rodeo; and

WHEREAS, the women's team finished 2nd at its April 13-15, 2000 rodeo with 150 points and the men's team finished 1st with an astronomical 545 points; those members contributing to the team's success include, Scott Jones, who won 1st in the bareback riding; Josh Moon, who won 2nd in bareback riding; Jermiah Diffie, who won 3rd in bareback riding and 3rd in saddle bronc riding; Steve Thorburn, who won 4th in the bareback riding; Carty Allaman, who won 4th in the calf roping; Cody Martin, who won 1st in saddle bronc riding; Bret McMillion, who won 4th in the saddle bronc riding and 1st in the steer wrestling; and Daymon Gast, who won 2nd in the steer wrestling; and

WHEREAS, those team members deserving of special attention for their efforts in winning the coveted Ozark Region Championship Title include Jermiah Diffie, the Men's All Around Champion, the Bareback Riding Reserve Champion with 675 points, and the Saddle Bronc Reserve Champion with 500 points; Bret McMillion, the Men's All Around Reserve Champion and the Steer Wrestling Champion with 550 points; Scott Jones, the Bareback Riding Champion with 890 points; Carty Allaman, the Calf Roping Champion with 450 points; Cody Martin, the Saddle Bronc Champion with 705 points; A.J. Price, the Barrel Racing Reserve Champion with 260 points; and the entire men's team as the Ozark Region Champions with a highly respected 4,223 points; and

WHEREAS, both the men's and women's teams have displayed a competitive spirit rarely witnessed in athletic circles, the entire team has represented its school and fans with the utmost in professionalism and ability; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional team is richly deserving of the recognition that this body accords to a select number of athletic teams; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate the six consecutive Ozark Region Champions, the University of Tennessee at Martin Rodeo Team on their recent accomplishments, wishing them well in their future endeavors, as they represent Tennessee and UT-Martin in the upcoming College National Finals Rodeo in June.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.